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2024 Inboard Rule Change Proposal

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Note: Proposals must be submitted to the Inboard Office by December 1, 2024 to be considered.
E-mail completed form to: inboardracing@apba.org

Check all that apply:

General Safety Rule	<input checked="" type="checkbox"/>
General Racing Rule	<input type="checkbox"/>
Stock Class Technical Rule *	<input type="checkbox"/>
Modified Class Technical Rule *	<input type="checkbox"/>

Affected Class(es): ALL CLASSES

Specific Rule Information: [Note: All fields must be completed for consideration.]

Author's VERY BRIEF Summary of Proposed Action:

Change where you establish your lane prior to the start of the race.

Affected Rule: 16.2.9.1

All boats will score up at the middle backstretch buoy at the predetermined score up time from the drivers meeting. All boats will establish their lane at the exit of turn two. After lanes are established, they must hold their lane until the start/finish line.

Proposed rule: 16.2.9.1

All boats must score up at the middle of the backstretch buoy at the predetermined time given at the drivers meeting. All boats will also establish their lane at that same location. After lanes are established, boats must hold that lane through turn two until the start/finish line at the start of the race.

Reason for change:

To make for a much safer and more entertaining start to races.

In a lot of classes there is way too much beating and banging with boats while in turn two trying to jockey for lanes that has caused boat damage along with drivers becoming upset and taking recourse for others actions during the race which is not safe either.

For those race sites that rely on spectators for revenue, to hold the races, it would make for a much more entertaining race to see form 3-10 boats coming around turn two for a flying start. Not that what we have now! Which is, race to the exit of turn two too early for the start to try to get an inside lane to only putt and then drag race to the start line.

If drones are going to be used in the future, they can be used to in force lane infractions at the score up buoy that have not been able to be done by the officials on the starting line in the passed due to visibility.

Of course this rule only affects races that do not use an assigned lane format.